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<> MOSCOW <><>KRASNAYA ZVEZDA<><> IN RUSSIAN 11 ~~FEBRUARY 1984~~ SECOND EDITION CARRIES ON PAGE 5 A 1,100-WORD REPORT BY TASS CORRESPONDENT V. GLADILOV FROM THE "LIMITED CONTINGENT OF SOVIET TROOPS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN." ENTITLED "SELFLESS AID," THE REPORT TALKS OF SOVIET TROOPS COMING TO THE AID OF PEASANTS IN KISHLAKS THAT HAVE ALLEGEDLY BEEN ATTACKED BY DUSHMANS. GLADILOV SHOWS THEM REBUILDING BRIDGES AND MOSQUES AND PAINTS A PICTURE OF GRATEFUL AFGHAN PEASANTS. THE REPORT ALSO TALKS ABOUT A COUPLE OF PEASANTS TURNING UP "UNEXPECTEDLY" IN THE SOVIET SOLDIERS' MESS WHERE, ACCORDING TO GLADILOV, THEY ARE SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH "PRODUCE EXCLAMATIONS OF GENUINE AMAZEMENT" ON THE PEASANTS' PART. "THEY FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ORDINARY WORKING PEOPLE COULD POSSESS ALL THAT WEALTH." THE REPORT SAYS. NO FURTHER PROCESSING PLANNED. 11 FEB CD/IRONTON/AM 16/2354Z FEB

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